The Ioyfull entrie of the *Dukedome of Brabant*, & the Articles agreed vpon, and graunted by their Lordes, and confirmed by the Emperour *Charles* the Fifte, and solemnely Swoorne by *Philippe* his sonne King of *Spaine*.

Anno 1549.

Set foorth to the viewe of al louers of the trueth, who openly may see *therein, how the same in no wise is perfourmed*, (the Lord in his mercie amende it) but to the contrary, in place of getting and preseruing of Priuiledges and liberties, they are through the inspiration of the Pope and his allyed, with all crueltie and Tyrannie, broken, taken away, & totally voyd.

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¶ The eſtabliſhing of the King of Spaine, in gouernment of the Lowe countreys vppon thoſe Articles following, to the which he is moſt ſolemply ſworne.

Harles by the grace of God, Emperour of Rome, alwaies augmenting of ỹ Empire, King of *Germanie*, of *Caſtille* of *Leon*, of *Grenade*, of *Arragon*, of *Nauarre*, of *Naples*, of *Sicille*, of *Maiorque*, of *Sardaine*, the Illes of *Indies*, and faſt lande of the *Occean ſeas*, Archduke of *Auſtria*, Duke of *Borgundie*, of *Letricke*, of *Brabant*, of *Limbourgh Luxenbourg*, and of *Shelre*, Earle of *Flanders*, of *Artoys*, of *Borgoingne*, *Palatine* and of *Haynolde*, of *Holland* and *Zealand*, of *Ferrette*, of *Haguenault*, of *Namur*, and of *Zutphen*, Prince of *Swaue*, Marquis of the holye Empire, Lorde of

Freesland, of *Salins*, and of *Mechlen*, of the Citie, Cities, and Landes of *Vtreht Ouerÿssel*, and of *Groening*, Dominator in *Asia*, and *Affricke*.

And we Philip by the same grace, prince of *Spaine*, of both the *Secillies* of *Ierusalem*, &c. Lord of *Hubsburgh* of *Flanders*, &c. To al them ẏ shal see these presents, gretings. Forasmuch & to shew and declare the better our inheritant lāds on this side & ẏ good and true subiectes therof, the vpright loue, fauour, and affection, which we Emperors alwayes haue borne and yet are bearing. Not requiring, but that which is and concerneth their commō welfaring, rest, peace, and assuraunce. We haue sent for, and caused to come ouer, our welbeloued prince of Spaine, to the intent that hee him selfe shoulde see, examine, visite, and knowe the said our heritable landes of the Low countreys, proceeded of succession, and likewise shewe vnto the subiectes thereof, the good and special true loue and effection which he beareth vnto them. To the intent they shuld be more enclined, affectioned, and to bee bounde to remaine, and for the same certaine other speciall reasons, haue we resolued,

ued, and concludeth him to be receiued, holde, and ſworne, by the States and members of all our ſaide heritable landes, and among others by the Prelates, Nobles, & foure chiefe Cities of this our Dukedome and countreys of Brabant, for their naturall and chiefeſt Prince and Lorde, for him his heires and ſucceſſors, to bee occupied after our diſceaſe, the ſaid our Dukedome and countreys of Brabant, with his appurtenances, as iuſt and lawfull Lorde thereof: All which we haue cauſed to be propoſed and declared to the aforeſaid three States of Brabant in our preſence, and in the preſence of our welbeloued ſiſter, and Aunte of our Prince, lady Marie Queene Dowgiereſſe of *Hungarie*, of *Boheme*, &c. In our abſence Regent and gouernour of our ſaid heritable landes. And that our will and intention hath beene, and is yet, that our ſaide ſonne the Prince as our only heire to come, likewiſe do graunt, promiſe, and ſweare the ioyfull income, after the olde order and cuſtome. But becauſe that in the ioyfull income which we and our forefathers haue ſworne, are in ſome points and matters already done, and totally performed,

fourmed, others which are not to bee per-
fourmed, nor reasonably for the common
wealth and quietnesse of the same countrey.
And considering that our said sonne thinkes
and doeth require all that which hee shall
graunt, promise, & sweare vnto them poine-
ly to obserue and perfourme. So haue we
caused to be made communicacion with the
aforesaide three States of Brabant, for to
haue our ioyfull incomming to be seene ouer
and visited, because that they them selues
might consider al that which oughte there-
in to be moderated and variated. And for
to reseurme the articles which shoulde bee
found not to be obseruable, nor mainteined.
According to which ther had bene kept, di-
uers communicacions and assemblings to-
gether, so that finally after diuers delay-
ings, aduisements, opinions, & reports re-
spectiuely made one to another, they haue
in that behalfe consented and willed them
selues, according to ꝑ acte hereupon made,
signed by them. And also we Prince hauing
sure and well vnderstanded the aforesayde
ioyfull income of our Lorde and Father,
and likewise the adioyned letters and addi-
tions thereof, with also the other adioyned

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letters and graunts of the sayd our grandfather mentioned in the last article of our aforesaid ioyful income, being truely translated and sette ouer in the Spanish tongue, and likewise also the vocation and moderation therof, & that which therunto is set by, according to the contention of the aforesaid acte. willing and requesting according to the good pleasure of our said Lord and Father, the common countrey of Brabant, and the good people inhabitantes and subiects therof, their rights, priuileges, freedomes, customes, vsances, and old proceedings, obserue and performe, especially considered, the great and manifolde seruices, fauours, and fidelitie by them at diuers times done, and shewed to our forefathers, Dukes, and Duchesses of Brabant, of diseased memorie, and among others to our remembred Lorde the Emperour our Lord and father, as true subiects ought to do to their Lords. And as we trust that they likewise will do to vs hereafter. So we haue the will, and knowledge of our sayde Lorde and Father, in this our receiuing and holding within the Citie of Louaine, and with our good knowledge and will also graunted, giuen

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and consented, graunt, giue, and consente, search, priuileges, poyntes, and fastnesse of rights, as here do followe, promising and swearing vnto them for vs, our heyres and successours, after the discease of our sayde Lorde and father, (whome God almightie graunt a good long prosperous life,) feruent and stedfastly to obserue and mainteine and cause to bee obserued and mainteined, without breaking, interruption, for euer and euer.

I That wee shall bee the good and true Lordes, and shall not do nor suffer to bee done to them, any force and wil in any wise, and that we shal not meddle our selues, nor suffer to be medled with the forraine lawes and iudgements. But that we shall vse and cause to be vsed al our Prelates, almeshouses, Banroches, Noble, and good people, and subiectes of our Cities and Townes of the Country of Brabant and Duermaze, vse & cause to be vsed in al matters with iudgement, and with lawe according to the lawes of the Cities and Benches, where as the same ought to be done, and shal appertaine. And ỳ the Iudges of our said Country shal be bound to keepe their termetimes of law

without any meanes of prolongations by any their doings or procurement. Reserued that the foresaide Iudges may prolong their termes of Lordships once, & no more.

2 Item, that the preuiledges and charters belonging to the sayde countreys and good people, which they haue at this prest, & herafter shal or may get in their countreys behalfe, shal remaine in the Castle of Vilvoorde, in the keeping of an honest worshipfull and well qualified man, borne and resident in Brabant, therunto by the prince committed, or to be committed. Reserued that the same Commissionor shall be sworn by the Prince in the presence of the States or their Deputies: whereunto the Prealates and Nobilitie haue appoynted two Prelates, and two Noble men, which the sayde Prince, or his Deputie, shal commodiously finde at the time when as the sayde Commissioner shall do his othe. And shall the thirde estate, to wit, the foure chiefe cities (thereunto being required by ỳ prince) apoint one out of euery chiefe citie which shall bee called thereunto for to be likewise by the swearing of the same othe, which othe shall be and shall conteine to bee good

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and true to the saide Prince, and not to alienate nor variate change nor hide the same charters and priuileges by him selfe, nor any others in any wise. And that the saide Commissioner shall giue ouer and deliuer to the States a generall Inuentary of the priuiledges and charters belonging to the said countrie and good people of Brabant, which shall be made by the sayd Commissioner & keeper, in the presence of the Chancellor of Brabant, so extendeth that euery one of the States may knowe thereby, that which concerned and belonged vnto them, for to be kept by the said States into their coffer, & to deliuer to no man in perticular the copie. But the same States, and euery of them, and of the foure chiefest cities, at their request and by order of the saide Chancellour shall haue the sight thereof, Moreouer that the saide keeper of the charters shall be bounde (being thereunto required) by the said States or any of them to giue the sight and copie auctentyke of such originall letters, as the same States, Citie or Cities or any of them shall require and haue neede of, and that by order of the saide Prince or his Counsell of Brabant.

3 Item, that we shall neuer bynde our selfe as Duke of Brabant, and countie of Limborch, and for the matters of the Lordshippes of the same countries, for to make warres, nor lay to gage, nor cause for to be done vpon any of them, except it be by the counsell and wil of our cities and Countrie of Brabant, and that wee shall not seale, nor promise other matters wherewithall our countreys, limittes, or cities, or any of them of the sayd countries, or the lawes, lyberties, or priuileges shalbe interrupted, or diminished, wherewithal our countreys and subiectes thereof might be put to charges, or losse in any wise.

4 Item, that we shall take vpon vs the tytle and armes of Lotrycke, of Brabant, of Limbourgh, and Marquis of the holy Empire as it appertayneth, and that wee shall cause to be made and gathered a seale according to the saide Title and armes, with a speciall marke, different of our other seale, which wee shall, nor may cause to be altered, or any others to make, or cause to be counterfeited thereafter, neyther will nor consent therunto in any wise, except it were for reasonble causes which we shoulde then

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do, by the consent of their States of the said countrie of Brabant, which seale shall alwayes remaine in the saide countie of Brabant, and not be caried thereout, and therewithall shall be sealed al the matters belonging to our saide countie of Brabant and Duermaze, and the subiectes thereof, and none others, and that the letters therof shal be made by one of our Secretaries that shal be ordeyned for the matters of Brabant.

5 Item, that we shall entertayne seuen worshipfull persons, whereof the one shalbe Chancellour and sealer, bound within our saide countrie of Brabant, speaking three languages, scilicet, Latin, Frenche, and Dutch, which shall keepe our saide seale, and the fore borne resident and inherited in our saide countrie of Brabant and that doe possesse of themselues, or by mariage in our said countrie of Brabant Barronnies, and the other two of our part of our counsell, as we shal thinke best vnderstanding dutch, with which seuen and others thereunto, nowe ordeined them that shal please vs hereafter to the saide counsell to ordeine, wee or our gouernoure, or gotternaunt generall shall cause to meddle and doe all the matters of

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of concerning Iustice, and all that is there-
unto depending, It be of Prouisions ordi-
naries of Iustice of statutes, placcats e-
dictes, ordinances, commaundements or o-
thers by counsell and aduisement of the
same, and the aforesaide counsell of Bra-
bant, without that there shall bee done any
let or impediment, nor that they shall stand
to the order of any man, but of vs, our go-
uernour or gouernant general, and al them
that shal be ours or our successours, Coun-
sellers, or secretaries, before they shall med-
dle with office of counsell or offices by such
faith, fidelitie, and othe as they shall haue
done to our successoures, that they to oure
three states in our countries behalfe, shall
promise and graunte that they shall neuer
stande ouer or come by, make letters, signe
seale wherewithal any of our conutries, Ci-
ties, Castles, people reuennues or Lord-
ships by water or by Land, laying on this
side, or on the other side of the Maze, shalbe
encombred, charged, sold, alienated, giuē a-
way, or acquited in any wise, except it be by
consent, and assent of the afore saide three
States, And if it be found that any of our

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Counsellers, do seale or the secretaries subsigne in their Counsell, office, and service, and do so misrule themselues: we shall then correct by counsell of the nobilitie and good Cities of our saide countrie of Brabant, or the moste part thereof.

6 Item, that wee henceforth shall take nor mainteine none to our sworne counsell of Brabant: except they be good men borne of lawful birth in our countrie of Brabã, and resident within our countrie, inherited or possessing barronnies in our saide countrie proceeding of themselues, or hauing them gotten by mariage, except the two of our counsell which haue the saide Dutche tong.

7 Item that we shal set good men of our counsell of Brabant, for to keepe a counsell chamber in our behalfe, in the place where as we shall keepe our residence in the saide Country, & if it did happen vs to be therewith, so shal we ordain the same to be kept within the same country, in a fit place, which che shall haue full power, all men to discharge in our name, and that likewise our reckoning chamber shall be kept as it hath bene kepte vntill this time,

8 Item

8 Item that all letters aſwell open as cloſed that ſhal be granted and & ſent foorth from hēceforth in our name out of our counſell of Brabant, either if it bee for vs, or at the requeſt of parties, ſhall be made diſpatched, & ſent in ſuch ſpeech as is ſpoken in the places, whereas they ſhal be ſent vnto.

9 Item ẏ we ſhal ſet no Chanceller, nor ſealer, into our Countries of Brabant, except he be of lawfull birth, born within our Country of Brabant, & there dwelling, inheriting poſſeſſing Barromes & in our ſaid country of his owne ſucceſſion, or by mariage, ſpeaking three languages as aforeſaide, and being apt & for the purpoſe, and profitable to the office and Lande, whiche Chancellor ſhall doe the othe to the ſame office belonging in our preſence, and of the three ſtates to the vſe of the common countrie, after the ſort as here before is in one point comprehended, concerning the promiſes which our Counſellers, Sealers, & Secretaryes, ſhall doe to the ſaide three States. And that our Secretary of Brabant, and the Clearke of oure freelandes ſhall be borne in Brabant: reſerued that we may ordein two ſecretaries, though they are

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not borne in Brabant.

10 Item that our Chauncellor, & men of counsell, Secretaries, the men of our chamber of reckoninges in Brabant, and Clearks, Shirifs, Maisters of Warrants, masters of Woods, and al others that haue any great offices or doinges. And likewise also all offices vppon the flat land, and also the Burugh masters, and Schepens of our Cities, and al others that do, or administer iustice in our or in our Vasselies name, shal sweare vppon the holye Euangelistes that they shall obserue these our ioyfull entrye in all pointes, forasmuche as it doeth belong to euery one of them, without any doinges to the contrary thereof with counsel or deede in any wise.

11 Item that they of our Counsell, and all other our officers, Justices, Burughmasters, Schepens, men of Counsell, men of free landes, our farmers that haue power to aske iudgement, and to giue iudgement and likewise that keep offices & seruices in our saide Countrye of Brabant, of what office ther be none reserued, both in cities, townes & villages, shal be sworne, Doing their oth that they shall not cause to bee taken any

golde, goods, gifts nor any kind of things, not cause nor suffer to be promised or taken by themselues or by any other, for to advance or to hinder, but that they shall do to all men aswell rich as poore, Equitie and Justice without any dissembling, Moreouer that they doe not haue respect vppon Buraghmasters, Schepens, Counselles, goodes, monie, giftes, nor any manner of seruices, good deedes, giuen or promised, nor offered, or cause to be offered, giue nor offer, nor caused to be offred in their names nor required, or praying therefore in any wise, and whosoeuer doth to the contrary, that in no wise suche neuer shall or may enter in our counsell, seruice, nor in any lawe or gouernement of our Cities, Townes, or Villages.

12 Item that our Countreys of Lymburgh and beyond the Maze shall remain for euer with our countrey of Brabant.

And that they neuer shalbe seperated thereof, that we likewise shall release, and discharge our other countreys of ouer Maze, as we shall be able to do, and bring them to our countrey of Brabant, for to remaine with them, without being separated.

Articles agreed vpon

That moreoner to the saide our Countreys of Brabant, shall remaine the Earle and Dyen with their appurtenãces, and others which are thereof alienated. And specially to procure so much, that through the aforesayd place of Dyen, at this present is out of our hands, that notwithstanding the same place bee brought and set agayne into our hands, and remaine together as it hath bene before, if right may be done. And that we, our landes, and castles of ouer Maze, with all their appurtenaunces, shall not encomber any more or further, then there are encombred at this present time. And when they shall come into our hands and power, that wee shall then immediatly cause them to bee ashamed, with our saide countrey of Brabant without any delay, with good sureties on this side of the Maze, and to deliuer the houses thereof to our Countreys, and the sayde houses and townes to bee inhabited by Brabanders, or the same people of the same Countrey, and them that shall assure our Countreys, so well with good sureties resident on this side of the Maze, so that we and our countrey shalbe well assured thereof, that they shall not be seperated

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of the sayd our countreys in no wise. And that wee from thencefoorth neuer shall enlarge, nor incomber any more the said countreis, castles, & townes of ouer Maze in any wise. And that the subiectes of our said countreys of ouer Maze, shall keepe their lawes and Iustices, whereas it shall appertayne according to the vse of the Benches.

13 Item, that we shal keepe al our subiects and people, of our Countreys, and Cities and Townes of Brabãt, & ouer Maze, peaceably and quietly in the countreys of Hollande and Zelande, and all other Countreys to trauell by water and land, free and franke vpon their customes as they were wont to do. And that we moreouer, shall keepe our saide subiectes and people of our Country, Cities, and Townes, free & franke to trauell, passe, and repasse, without any molestation of any debts & promises which we or our predecessours, might owe and be debuable or haue promised, or y wee might owe and promise hereafter. Moreouer, we haue confirmed and allowed to our citizens of our Citie of Bolducke, and do confirme and allow by these presents, such letters as they haue of Duke Iohn of Brabant, and

Lady Iacob, Dutchesse in Beyre discea-
sed, concerning ỳ they should be free of cu-
stome in Hollande & Zealand for their mar-
chandise: and we shall command our letters
to be made thereof sufficient, according to
the letters, and as the countrey of Gealre,
that they shall be likewise free of custome,
passe, and repasse in the aforesaid countrie,
according to ỳ leters which they haue like-
wise thereof. And if it were so, that any of
our subiectes by reason of debts, or promi-
ses of our said predecessors, or of vs should
fall in talke that we shal keepe them harm-
lesse thereof according to the contention of
letter thereof witten in Wallon.

14 Item, that we shall keepe open all
our free streetes as we ought to do without
fraude or guile, for euery man to passe and
repasse therethrough paying their custome,
except of debtes or promises which hee di-
owe, or any suitaries or offentes which
might haue offended.

15 Item, that we shall compell or cause
to bee compelled all them that owe our
saide Countreys, any wayes, bridges, or
passages through their land and goods, and
cause them to amende well and sufficiently

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the same waies, bridges and passages from time to time, and if that therein were any fault, that in such case the chiefe citie where vnder such wayes, bridges, and passages do lye, shall and may doe vppon the coste and charges of him that is bound thereunto. And for that intent and for the obseruation of all neighbourly rights shall no man be excused.

16 Item, that from henceforth they that shall beare or haue part of our customes in our said countreys, during the terme of their byring. Also likewise them that haue parte in our cities in the coyning of money, shall or may not be ordeyned, are also likewise receiued.

17 Item, that whatsoeuer man or person that is taken prisonner within our sayde Countreis of Brabant and ouer Maze, that we shall not cary nor cause to be caried out of our saide Countries.

18 Item that wee shall cause no money to bee coyned with our saide countrey of Brabant, except it bee by the will and consent of the common Countreys aforesayde, and that the same peece of money, neuer shall or may bee made lyghter, and if that

it be made lighter, that we shall & may take the same vpon our coyners lyfe and goods, without delay or exception, & that the saide peece of money shalbe made in one of our free cities, and to warrant the same according to the contention of the charter, or letter heretofore made in Wallon.

19 Item, ỳ no man ỳ is not of a lawfull birth, shal or may be Counseller, Sheriffe, nor Justicer in Brabant, nor haue any office of vs.

20 Item, if in case there dio fall any difference or fightings in our sayd Countreys that then all that bee not guiltie of the differents or fyghtings, shal haue fast and sure quietnesse from the houre that the sayd differents or fightings were done the space of 24 houres, and whosoeuer do some what in the matter, shall be more quieter.

21 Item, that we shall graunt no man freedome in the countrey, any that hath slaine a man, except he bee first reconciled with the friendes of the diseased.

22 Item, that all them that henceforth shall giue the office of Maiors, Bayliffes, & they that haue them already at this present time, that they shall serue the same, and

that they shall or may not, transport, nor sel them, nor let them out, and them that keepe commons, or do other seruices, vppon the flat landes, and that haue aucthoritie to administer Iustice to the people, shal without delay, put in certain sureties afore they shal or may haue their offices, & that in the hands of the Iustice, wheras they do serue in the behalfe of them that might suffer any hurt by them.

23 Item, that the officers of our country of Brabant, concerning Iustice shal not be let out, nor belent, but they shall bee serued as they haue bene vsed to haue kept and obserued in olde time to be serued, & all letting out thereof, shall be of no value nor effecte.

24 Item, ẏ we shal not suffer ẏ any man of our Countreys, shall or may arrest, encomber, nor trouble out of our countreis for any matters wheresoeuer they be, except he flee away before, without fraude or guile. Likewise also that whosoeuer of our subiectes doth call the other out of ẏ Countrey for to fight, or cause to bee called to fight, they shall forfaite two hundreth markes of fine golde, or other wayes to be corrected to the moderation and abiterment of them. of

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the Counsell of Brabant.

25 Item, if any of our subiects did robbe or steale, in our countrey of Brabant Duermaze or the inhabitants thereof, & furthermore if they did lodge into their houses or succoured, with their will and knowledge any enemies to vs as Duke of Brabant, Limburgh and Lordes of the Countreys of Duermaze, that he shall leese his life and goods, and we shall nor may neuer graunt him againe the said our countreys, & if that we did giue pardon to such, that such pardon shall be of none effect.

26 Item, that if in case that any women were forced, so that shee did cry out, or that it were found to bee true, that it were done agaynst her will, and that she did remayne and continued with the man, then shall wee haue all her moueable goods, and her lands during her life, and after her death, shal the landes returne and succeede where as they ought to goe. And if she did not remayne and continue by the man. In such case we shall haue neither the moueable goods neyther landes, and shal the man that committeth such things, and all his helpers, and likewise they that with their knowledge do

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helpe succour and lodge him, doe forfaite their liues, and all their goodes for euer, if in case that they may forfaite it, And if in case that any man did by force conueie away any child being vnder age, either man childe or woman childe, so shall they and all their helpers haue forfetted their life and goodes without exception, and against the same no man shall haue excuse by S. Peters manship, freedome of Cities, or others, but there shall bee vsed according to the lawes of the countries.

27 Item that women shall be accused, nor may bee accused which shoulde hinder him concerning bludshed, neither of killing of any bodie, if in case that hee dare truste himself to stande to the trueth thereof, and will come to his notygyltinesse, vntill the time that he shall be vanquished. Reserued that the officer of the place shall and maye arrest him and keep him in prison, keeping the goodes of him in safetie, proceeding against him to the diffinitiue, either of condemnation or absolution.

28 Item that all our good people and subiectes of our Cities and Countries of Brabant and of Duermaze, touching all pub-

publique mischappes which may happen to come to their bodies, or their Children, seruantes and familie in whatsoeuer sorte or manner it were, Whereby they or any of them did come from life to death, without any proceeding faultes, the same shal stand and remaine free and franke of any forfets or confiscation of their goodes. Of whiche mischance the magestrates of the places shall visite and consider the matters (at the request of the officer there) and that being done shall declare whether it ought to bee kept for mischance or not, And suche as they shall declare concerning the matter, shall be kept obserued and performed, and if in case, that there bee founde anye fault before, then shall and may the Magistrates punishe the offendor extraordinarily, according to the state of the matter.

29 Item whatsoeuer Cities, Townes Lordships or fortresses, which we shall win with force of armes and common warre out of our countries of Brabant, vpon whatsoeuer Princes or Lordes, that they shall remaine and appertaine, to our Countrie of Brabant aforesaid, without turning backe againe, and that they shall vse and dor

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as our common country ought to do without parting likewise, as our saide Country of Brabant.

30 Item whosoeuer requireth adioining within our said Countrie of Brabant and ouermaze, that wee shall cause him to haue against all men.

31 Item that Saint Peters men & all they that are of Saint Peters manshapes companie shall be vsed and kepte as they ought to be kept by all equitie and Justice.

32 Item if in case that any parties two together beeing lowe persons do goe to lawe concerning any goods, hauing within our saide countries and the said parties hauing proceeded to the end and condemnation, so that the one do leese the processe or iudgement, and if the same wherefore the processe was there Judged from him, and if he did shew thesame to any priest. Cleark or other spiritual person, or likewise to any other for trouble, & molest the other out of the Countrie whiche had the iudgement vpon him, if also any person resident within our Countrie had the aduancement of the matter, or that also any person residente, within our said Countrie that did giue ouer

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the matter to any others for to trouble and
molest the partie out the Countries, that
he ỹ did any of these things shal forfet two
hundred Marks of golde, or otherwaies to
be punished at the arbitrement and moder-
tion of them of our counsell of Brabant.

33 Item that euery man shall and may
keepe his own lands or cause, is to be wat-
ched and keepe Dogges therto, the clawes
vnshortened, without calenging and if that
it hapened that any wilde, breake his neck,
or ware hurted by the dogs, that the same
shal so remaine laying, and that their dogs
shal suffer no hurt or domage thereby, And
that further euery man shall and may hunt
Haires and foxes thorow out all Brabant
without calenging, and likewise Connies
without free warrands, and also flye with
Haukes ouer all without chalenging.

34 Item that hencefoorth all knightes,
yeomen and al good people resident within
our countrie of Brabant, shal and may hunt
thorow all Brabant in his season, all man-
ner of wilde Deere. Without chalenging,
excepte. In the warrantes and Woodes
of Zonien, of Zauenterlo, of Greotheyste, of
Weeredale and Grootenhout, and to the

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intent that this point should be obserued, so
ane we promised and swoyne, do promise
nd sweare as is sayd that we shall neuer
ake any disending, nor cause, nor suffer to
e made any commandement to the contra-
y in any maner of wise, wherewithal these
ointes shal suffer any let, hurt, or interrup-
ion.

35 Item, that henceforth within our said
ountrey of Brabant, shalbe any warrants,
or kept any then the free warrants, then
hose that haue bin free warrants, since the
ere 1367. and haue bene receiued, so long
ime for free, of thē that oweth them, except
hat the good people, suffer not thereby any
nreasonable damage.

36 Item, that the debt shall be brought
r deliuered by the lawes or warrants, and
ards excepted, debts proceeding of wood
nd tymber, of olde woods of the Prince,
f the countrey, or of other warraates of the
rince of the Countrey, or of other woods
nd wards, which from old time haue stood
nder the same lawe.

37 Item, that there shalbe in our coun-
rey of Wallon, a Bayliffe, an honest man
oyne in our countrey of Brabant, and that

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his clearke and other officers vnder boyne
and likewise our other iustices & officers o
our other 6. offices, shalbe boyne of our cou
trey of Brabaut. And that the court of Ge
nepia, shalbe kept as it was heretofore, so
that no man that shall haue occasion ther
to do, shal not be vsed without order of law.

38 Item, that also henceforth our small
Lords, Iustices, & Officers. Rūmasters,
particularly shalbe boyne within our coun
trey of Brabant, so that they shall not may
haue serued their sayde offices by any out
landishbyene, of what so euer qualitie they
be, and also our Lieftenants of our castles,
of our sayd countrey of Brabant, shalbe in
boyne Brabants, except it were that they
did possesse by them selues, or by mariage
any olde possessions of the same countrey.

39 Item, that we shall keepe in state our
reformed Benches of Sanct louen and of
Uccle, as they nowe be, & as appertaineth,
and that our Schepens of Uccle, shall keep
their residence in Brussell.

40 Item, that our citie of Antwerpe
with the appurtenācs therunto belonging,
shal remaine assembled for euer to our good
cities and countrey of Brabant, after such
sort

ort & manour, as she was at the time when he was separated from Brabant, and likewise our Citie of Niuelle, as she hath bene vntill this day.

41 Item, ẏ our assembling daies which we shall hencefoorth sende to our States, and countrey of Brabant, and of Duermaze that we shal write alwaies for thē 14. daies before the day, that ẏ appointed assembling day shalbe kept (except the matters, wherefore we would keep the same assemblings, did require great haste, and that we shal appoint such commodious places, whereas our saide states may free and frankly without danger, come & goe. And that euery one of our Prelats, Baurotches, Noble, cities, & Townes, of our saide country of Brabant and Duermaze, before vs or ellswere, where as it apperteyneth ioyntly or particularly shall & may say open & declare their charges, and satisfie therewithall without any indignation or rebuke of vs, or by others to haue, or by vs to be disfauoured in any wise, and if in case that they therefore did get any hurt, the same do we promise to reuēge vpon his or their liues & goods wout remedy.

42 Item, that we shall alwayes set & ordaine

daine the countreys of our free lands in th
places whereas we shall keepe place of r
sidence, so that the parties, with their wi
nesses, & other things thereunto belongin
may easily come therein, and whensoeuer
shal happen to vs, to be out of our countr
of Brabant, then shal we ordaine an hone
man, eyther our chiefe Sherife of Brabar
or an other þ might bee councelloy in Br
bant: which in our absence, & as long as
shall please vs, shall receiue the free lands
touching vs, and in our absence keepe th
court dayes in the place whereas the re
dence shalbe of our Counsell chambers, a
he shall and may do all that appertayne
to the free lands, as we might do being o
selfe present, without giuing, or forgiuin
any thing.

43 Item, that we shal keep free, & cause
be kept free, al our fayres being within o
city of Antwerp, alwel by water as by la
of body & goods, within all our Countrey
liberties, powers, & commandements. A
If it came to passe, þ the aforesaid faire we
prolonged 14 dayes or vnder, by the Ma
strates of our citie of Antwerpe, we do p
mise that we shal keepe, or cause to be k
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free ẏ ſaid prolonged dayes, as free as we are bonde for to keepe the principall dayes of the layre.

44 Item, that we ſhall not ſuffer our free faires of our cities of Bruſſel, Antwerpe, and likewiſe the free fayres of the citie of Barrowe, or Zoam, to bee troubled or interrupted by any executions, cõmandements, or diſſentions, eyther by letters of mark, countermarkes, arreſtmentes, or their like, whiche we might graunt to the contrary, herein excepted our owne proper debtes, & alſo likewiſe ẏ ordinance made, or to bee made by vs, vppon the matter of coyning, which ordinance we wil haue obſerued, as wel in the aforeſayd yerely faires as without, for to haue puniſhed and corrected the tranſgreſſors.

45 Item, ẏ we hẽceforth ſhal grãt no priuiledges, nor liberties to the nations that keepe ſtaple in our countrey of Flãders, ẏ can or may preiudice & hinder our faire countreys, & inhabitants of Brabant.

46 Item, that we ſhal let ẏ inhabitants of our cõtrey of Brabant, & their goods which they haue in other countreys and lands, or ſhal haue hereafter, & the fruites thereof ſhall ſuffer quietly and peaceably to haue and enioy, notwithſtãding any commandements, or defendings, which might be made to the contrary thereof. And likewiſe the marchants, and inhabitãts of all our countreys, lordſhips, and iuriſdictions, ſhall haue & may one among another, traffike with their goods and marchandize, and walke, trauel, bargaine, ſel, bring their goods to the market

to sell, where their liking shall thinke best, paying their ordinarie custome and charges.

47 Item, that we shall cause to be kept, & remain vnto our couurtrey of Brabant, and in the handes of our said countrey indistinctly, the landes, castels, & townes of Hensden, & S. Shertruydenbergh, with all their appurtenances, if in case we may do it with right and reason, due both for the costs and charges or shal kepe or cause to be kept vntil ẏ money which is den & suffered in ẏ assigning of S. Shertruydenbergh, and the taking in, aud prouiding of Hensden, be duely and totally payde and restituted.

48 Item, if it happen that the cities of Holland, & Zeland, did not perfourme and obserue such tractat or agreement made, and agreed betweene the Pensionaries of Brabant, that we shal then do ful iustice like as if it were of other lawfull debt to the Pensionaries of Brabant, hauing lisepentiō vpon the said cities of Holland, and Zeland, in commanding them and the inhabitants thereof.

49 Item, moreouer we haue promised, & by these presents do promise them of ẏ States of our countrey of Brabant, and Ouermaze, that our lands of our citie of Graue, with the lands of Duke Kessell, and Oyen, if the law will suffer it, shall alwayes remaine anexed and incorporated with our said countreys of Brabant, & that the inhabitants of the said land & citie of Graue, w̄ the said land of Cuyc Kes- & sel Oyen, and shal haue their resort to our counsel

of Brabrant, & not be thereof in any wise seperates

50 Item, that all marchants of whatsoeuer countrey or nation they be, aswel outlādish as inlandish shal and may go by water, to traffect, frequentbie, & sel peaceably, & quietly in our said cōūtrey of Brabant, & Duermaze, both among vs, & the smal lords of the same our countreis, in what cities, townes, or places, whereas it shal please thē best, paying their custome & charges, wout that the saide marchants shal and may be compelled w any restrict commandemēts, or defendings or other waies for to compel to sel the moze their marchandizes in one particuler place then in another. And that the saide marchants shall & may chuse themselues their dwelling places and kepe where it shal please them, wout that for any staples sake, or other wayes they shalbe let or hindred in their free wil, in any wise reserued, that the same which is afozesaid, shall or may not larger be extended then to the Staples which are at this present, within our countreys of Brabant.

51 Item, ẏ we will not nor may suffer to be done ẏ any of our subiectes of our countreys of Brabant and of Duermaze shalbe, (for any ciuill matters) kept and detayned prisoners in any castelles, but that they shal keep their imprisonments within the countyes, except whereas there be no countyes, & that notwithstanding the sayde prisoner putting in suretie for ciuil matters, for to stand to the law and

to accomplish the iudgement, as appertayneth to the vse of the place there, except he were arrested vpon condemnations, or for our proper debts.

52 Item, that euery one of what state or condition he shalbe, shall or may not fishe vpon the riuer of the Yenne as hath bin vsed, and was in the time of our olde grandfather, Duke Philip.

43 Item, whensoeuer we or the officers of our Justices shall haue, apprehende, take prisoner any man, by water or by land, which hath robd or stolen, or taken away anothers goodes, money, or substance, and that he had yet the same goods, or knew ỹ same goods where they were sold, so shall ỹ same goods not being forfaited, but the officer vnder whō this shal happen, shalbe bound to restitute, or cause to be restituted to the party from whom it was taken and stolen, if in case the said partie can proue it lawfully to be is own, and that it appeareth lawfully to be his owne, reserued that he shall be bounde to pay to the officer which did this arrest or apprehension, his reasonable sallary at the discretion of the Magistrats of that same place where this was done.

44 Item that henceforth shal not may apprehend or arrest any of the liberties of cities or other waies being vnder vs that are of a good name & fame, except the officer of the place shall first and for most haue taken full information of the suspection, wherevppon he woulde arrest and apprehende him, and

that

that no man shall or may be put to sharpe examinacione, except the officer shall first and formoste haue shewed his information to the Magistrates of the place, and that he be thereto condemned by iudgement of the magistrats, except it wer a priuiledged Crime, and whereof the magistrates of the flat land ought to haue no knowledge, and ỳ the knowledge belongeth to vs and to our said counsel.

55 Item ỳ from hencefoorth for euer, no Maior Shirife-Bailife nor any other officers of our countries of Brabant, by vertue of transport or letter of Attornie, which they might haue of any mã, or yet accept, shal or may arrest encõber attach & charge within their liberties by themselues or any others, any inhabitantes of the said our countries, or their goodes, by vertue of any debtes whiche the Cities, Townes and Villages, doe owe of rentes of Liffepensions or other debts, and if they doe to the contrary, that the same shall be of no valure, and beside that, shal forfet to the Lord wheras this shalbe done tenne Andrewe Ghilozen.

56 If that hencefoorth there shall bee giuen no commens, almosses of Lands and perpetual rents in no maner of wise, and that we shall do al our diligence, for to get and to haue reduction of the chaire of Rome of the Annates, of all the Cloisters, & all Almshouses which are or may be discomforted ther in, more then they haue beene therein discomforted

heretofore, Reserued that the aforesaid prelates almeshouses & cloisters, shall finde & pay for the costs and charges needefull to the said reduction.

57 Item moreouer we haue confirmed and ratified, confirme and ratifie by these pattens al our prelates almsehouses Cloisters, Banrotches knights, Cities, Townes, and all other oure subiectes and good people of our Countries of Brabant, Duermaze, and all their lawes Liberties, Priuiledges, Charters, Customs, Usanses and olde proceedings of lands which they haue, and are giuen, graunted, and sealed them by our forefathers, Dukes and duresses, and also them which they haue vsed, hanted, and where went to vse and specially the odde letter graunted to the said three states by our said Duke Philip our olde grandfather diseased at his incomming of the date as the letters be of the said incomming. Likewise two other letters graunted by the saide our grandfather diseased the one of the date. 1451. the 20. daye of April, and ỹ other in the yere. 1457. 28. daies in Nouember, and likewise the two additions of the ioyful income of the Lorde, our father giuen at Ghaunte of the twentie day of April in the yere 1515 after Easter, and the other giuen at Bridges the 26. of April in the same yeare and doe giue them generally & specially: if in case they doe stand to obseruation, and are able to be obserued, to hold them firme and stabell for euer, for vs our heirs & successours, without breaking or doing

or cause to be done to the contrary in any wise.

58 Item we do promise them moreouer for vs our heires and successours, that wee shall neuer alledge deuise or propose, nor cause to be alleaged, as that we are not bound & deliuable to keep & obserue the aforesaide liberties, lawes, Priuiledges, Charters, Customes, vsances, and olde vses which when we haue heretofore confirmed & ratified in generall, because and for that we haue not graunted and promised to them the saide pointes and articles, particularly, which we will that shall do no hurte, hinderance or preiudice to them, And because that we will and desire that all the aforesaid pointes, articles gifftes, promises, confirmations, and assurances, shal be kepte and remaine sure and constantly for euer. So is it therefore that we haue them altogether generally promised in good faith to all the prelats, cloisters, and almshouses, Barons, knights, Cities, townes, and to all our good people and subiectes of the saide Countries of Brabant and Duermaze, to their heires and successors, and do promise in good faith, and freendly swoorne vppon the holye Gospel for vs, our heires and successers that after the dissease of our Lorde and father, to keepe them fast and stedfastly, and there againste neuer to doe or cause to be done, nor suffer to be done in any wise. And if in case that we, our heires and successoures did doe, say, or vppose hereagainst or caused to bee

done, by our selfe or others in our name, in part or all, in whatsoeuer manner it were. So do we in this case consent & do wil our prelates, barrons, knights Cities and townes, and al others our said subiects that they shall do to vs, our heires and successours no manner of seruice, nor be obedient in no manner of Cales that we neede, or that wee might require or do request of them vntil the time we shal haue made fullie amendes, and left and forsaken immediatly all the matters afore mencioned, whereunto we will do, diserne, and declare, that immediatly, al our offices doing to the contrary of this my incommings shall be left, forsaken, and that al henceforth shall or may be attempted, shalbe of none effect and shall not be obserued in any wise hereafter. And all without fruade or guile. In witnes of which things and for perpetuall assurance, haue wee Emperour and prince aforesaid caused our seale hereunto to be hanged. Giuen in our Citie of Louaine, the fift day of July, Anno. 1549. of our empire of vs Charles the 30. and of our Realmes of Castile, and others. 34. Thus subsigned, Charles, Philippe, & vnderneath is written, By the Emperor, & the saide Prince, & signed by the audience, and first Secretary Verrieken, and this Letter was sealed with the seale of the emperor & prince in red waxe with gold and black silke strings. And vnderneth was written, Collationated and found agreed with the originall, By me I. Facuwez.

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